

École La Vérendrye French Immersion Milieu

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Mme A. Capina, Principal

December 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

December is here! It is hard to believe that winter vacation is only 3 weeks away—where has the start of the school year gone?

A friendly reminder to please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Students go outside to play three times a day—morning and afternoon recess for 15 minutes, and then 30 minutes over the lunch hour. All students are expected to go outside unless the windchill is colder than –28 degrees Celsius. Boots hats, mittens, ski pants, parkas, etc. will help keep y our child warm and dry during our winter months.

November was a busy month for us at LaV. Teachers were busy planning events such as Remembrance Day, writing report cards, and running tri-conferences. EAs and clerical staff were busy supporting students needs and learning, keeping the office going, and hosting/running our in-person book fair. Students were busy learning and playing!

Our Remembrance Day service was held November 10 and teachers and students worked hard to prepare for this important day. Many families and community members joined us for this service, and we had two special guests—Mr. Hayden and Mr. DeRoo—present at our assembly and to individual classrooms. Thank you for making our service memorable.

December is a short month, but we have lots of fun things on the go. You can look forward to a field day, Holiday Bazaar and a movie morning that families will be invited to! We will be sending out more information regarding these events next week. Make sure to watch for it!

We will not be having a grade 1-6 Winter concert this year. Instead we will have a Spring concert. Watch for information regrading this event in the new year.

Our Nursery and Kindergarten Winter concert will take place Thursday, December 15th at 6:00pm in the gymnasium. Students in Mme Zmit and Mme Carty's classes have been working hard preparing their songs. More information will be sent out to Nursery and Kindergarten in the next few weeks.

A gentle reminder for families to not park and/or drop students off in the staff parking lot. Staff need to be able to access their paid for spots upon arrival. We also ask this for safety reasons, as the more cars pulling in and out of the parking lot, with students walking through it, has the potential to lead to an accident—something none of us want to see happen.

I want to thank all volunteers for helping out these past few months, we truly appreciate it. Having you in our building helps us and our students.

A big thank you goes out to our Parent Council. They work diligently behind the scenes to support the school and they help to make events, such as the Holiday Bazaar and hot lunches, possible.

I want to end by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday, filled with time spent with family and friends.

Warm wishes,

Amanda Capina

Nursery/Kindergarten Winter Concert

Who: Room 8 and Room 13 Nursery/Kindergarten students

What: Nursery and Kindergarten Winter Concert

Where: École LaVérendrye Gymnasium

When: Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Notes:

- Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. and drop your child off to the music room
- Seats are first come, first serve.

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GRADE 7 OPEN HOUSE NIGHT!

Tuesday, February 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

510 Hay St, Winnipeg, MB R3L 2L6 Ph. 204-474-1305

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

- High academic standards
- Dynamic, supportive parents
- Athletics (home of the Bulldogs)
- Lunch hour clubs
- Performing arts (dramatique, band, choir)
- Technology
- Photography and Video Productions

- Visual Arts
- Leadership class
- Les Jene Écovistes (Environmental club)
- Spanish
- Intimate atmosphere
- Scholarships
- Small town feel/big city opportunities



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Scholastic Book Fair!

It was a **HUGE SUCCESS!!** We surpassed our goal of \$2,000! We will be purchasing new books for our classrooms and the library. A special thank you to the EA's and office staff for helping out. We could not have done it without all of you.







Scholastic Biblio Numérique Online French Reading

Scholastic Biblio Numérique: Lecture Nivelée is Scholastic's online learning zone where students and teachers can access French books virtually!

To access Scholastic Biblio Numérique: Lecture Nivelée, visit our school website at https://www.winnipegsd.ca/LaVerendrye and you will find the link called "Biblio Numérique" under "Student Resources". A new window will pop up and will ask for the login. Your child/ren will have the login information written on their agenda. If not, please contact their teacher!

Once logged in, click "Biblio Numérique: Lecture Nivelée" and explore new books!

This website can be accessed at home and is available 24 hours a day.



Lost & Found

Please help us return lost items to your child/ren. Please label all clothing and personal items.

This year, our lost & found is located in the new addition. If you see any clothing or item that belongs to your child/ren, you are welcome to stop by the school to redeem them.

These items must go! Please redeem these items prior to **December 21st.** After this date, we will donate the items.









Holiday Bazaar

We are excited to announce that LaV will be hosting the Holiday Bazaar on December 20th giving all kids an opportunity to "shop" for their family household members. Shop for one or shop for all :)

Shopping station donations: We are calling for donations including toys, board games, stuffed animals, craft materials, jewelry, accessories, small household items etc. (Non-breakable).

Drop-off points for big donations, they can be dropped off at Mme Capina's office. Smaller items that children bring to school can be delivered to their classrooms and the lunchtime helpers will bring the items to the storage room.

<u>Attention</u>: Clothing, food and makeup will not be accepted. If you have any questions please contact Gihan (<u>Gihan.Hodroj@gmail.com</u>) or Alysha (<u>Dan.Alysha.nagy@gmail.com</u>).

Wrapping station donations: We are calling for wrapping paper, tape, paper bags, tissue paper and cards/gift tags.

Volunteers: We need volunteers to make this event a success! Please fill out the attached form if you're interested in participating!

We'll be running this event on Field Day, December 20th during school hours. Kids can bring a list of names and "shop" for their household members. This is entirely by donation only. The suggested donation value is \$5.00 but feel free to donate more in the spirit of giving. Money can be given at anytime to homeroom teachers. The Student Leadership Committee has chosen to donate all proceeds to Cancer Care Manitoba.

Office News!

Tax season is almost here!



By the end of January 2023, families who paid for lunch program fees from January 2022-December 2022 will receive receipt of payments to help with tax returns. At this time, please allow MIIe Carlynn to prepare and organize the receipts!

Cold Weather Policies

<u>Recess</u>: On days when the wind chill hazard is **–28°C or below**, all students will be staying inside for recess

<u>Bus Cancellations</u>: Buses will be cancelled when the wind chill is **-45°C or more**. It is the responsibility of the parent to check the WSD website (<u>www.winnipegsd.ca</u>) or listen to the radio for bus cancellations. Parents are also responsible to find alternate transportation for their child/ren. Please remember to call the school if your child will be absent due to a bus cancellation.

<u>Patrols</u>: Until the temperature with the wind chill reaches –26°C, patrols will be assigned to their regular posts. Once the temperature is in between –27°C to –33°C, one patrol will be assigned to a crossing area and will switch with another patrol every 5 minutes.

No patrols will be on duty once the temperature hits -34°C.



Patrols must report for their shifts wearing proper clothing for the existing weather conditions.

In the winter, this includes mitts/gloves, hat, a warm coat, and suitable footwear. Patrols will work collaboratively and respectfully to perform their duties to provide safety crossing. Each member must adhere to the Divisional Patrol Weather Guidelines as follows:

- -17C to −26C patrols are at their post as usual
- -27C to -33C patrols are at their posts for 5 minutes
- -34C or colder there will be NO OUTDOOR PATROLS. Patrols may be reassigned to indoor duties.
- **These temperatures include the wind chill, according to the weather station at The Forks. **



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Contact us at lavcommcouncil@gmail.com!

Next PAC meeting: Monday, December 19th, 2022

Your 2022-2023 Parent Council Executive is as follows:

Chair: Alysha Nagy dan.alysha.nagy@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Renee Lagimodiere

Treasurer: Melissa Dupuis

Secretary: Sara Thrift

Committee Chairs:

Hot Lunch: James Page jamesyezi@gmail.com

Vive le vert: Tanja Hutter lavvivelevert@gmail.com

French and South District: Marina Marchand

ALL MEETINGS ARE LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY FROM **7:00 P.M.**—**8:00 P.M.**VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR THE LINK!

Community Council school webpage: https://www.winnipegsd.ca/laverendrye/page/17550/parent-advisory-council-pac

LaVerendrye Lunch Program

Contact us at lav@wsd1.org!

December lunch payments are due Thursday, December 1st, 2022.

If you have not yet submitted a payment, please do so by the date above. We accept cash/credit, and cheque payments.

Cash payments must be the exact amount of **\$40** as we do not carry change in the office. Cash payments <u>must</u> be sent to the classroom teacher.

Credit Card payments must be made through Permission Click as we do not have a card machine in the office. Permission Click link to submit a credit card payment here: https://permission.click/KpyYO/ca

Cheque payments must be made out to "École LaVérendrye" and must be sent to the classroom teacher.

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| Winter Break Dec. 22-Jan. 4 | | 27 | | 28 | | 29 | | 30 | - |

Dates to Remember

| | Thursday, December 15 | Nursery/Kindergarten Winter Concert at 6:00 p.m. |
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| - | | Hot lunch—more information will be sent via email shortly |
| | Wednesday, December 21 | Last day of classes |
| | December 22—January 4 | Winter Break—NO SCHOOL |
| | Thursday, January 5 | School Reopens |
| | Friday, February 3 | Non-Instructional Day—NO CLASSES |
| | Tuesday, February 7 | Grade 7 Open House at Collège Churchill High School 6:30 p.m. |
| | Monday, February 20 | Louis Riel Day—NO SCHOOL |
| | Friday, March 17 | Non-Instructional Day—NO SCHOOL |
| | Wednesday, March 22 | Report Cards go Home |
| | Friday, March 24 | Last day of classes |
| | Monday, April 3 | School Reopens |
| 7 | Friday, April 7 | Good Friday—NO SCHOOL |
| / | Thursday, April 13 | Student-Led Conferences and Art Walk 3:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. |
| - | Friday, April 14 | Non-Instructional Day—NO CLASSES |
| | | Student-Led Conferences AM only |
| | Monday, April 24 | Bus Ridership |
| | Monday, May 1 | Non-Instructional Day—NO CLASSES |
| | Wednesday, May 3 | Grade 6 Hep.B/HPV/HBV/Meningitis vaccines AM only |
| | Monday, May 22 | Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL |
| | Wednesday, May 31 | Spring Concert 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. |
| | Thursday, June 29 | Non-Instructional Day—NO CLASSES |
| | Friday, June 30 | Last Day of School—Early Dismissal 11:00 a.m. |